Network of Maoists with Burma and Bhutan

2089. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAYA J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Maoists have established a network Burma and Bhutan as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the insurgents in Burma and Bhutan have helped naxals smuggle arms into India; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such evil designs of Maoists and to take up the matter with Burma and Bhutan Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (c) There is no specific evidence available to indicate that CPI (Maoist) in India has established a network with insurgents in Burma and Bhutan to procure arms.

(b) Does not arise.

(d) Government discharges its sovereign functions by taking measures as necessary in respect of trans-border issues.

Steps as appropriate are continuously taken for strengthening border management and for bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation in areas of mutual assistance in criminal matters.

Urging States to augment police forces

†2090. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has written to all the State Governments to augment their Police forces;

(b) whether after the formation of UPA Government, every State Government has been directed to conduct an early recruitment drive to fill up the vacant posts; and

(c) the names of States where shortage of police force has been noticed in comparison to the sanctioned strength and the number of short staff thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Though the 'Police' is a State subject as per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of india, the Central Government has been regularly urging the State Governments to augment the strength of their police forces.

(c) As per available information, the details of State-wise sanctioned and actual strength of police personnel with vacancy position in respect of Constables, Sub-Inspectors and Dy. Superintendent of Police are given in the enclosed statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.